Agricultural Production

3880. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of agricultural products in this current year in each of the States;

(b) the total value of the products for this year;

(c) whether the production js sufficient for the needs of the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the areas of cultivable land across the country for better yield?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The all India estimates alongwith State-wise details of production of foodgrains, oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane and jute and mesta as per the Third Advance Estimates for 2004-05 are given in the Statement.

(b) The data on value of Output of Agricultural Commodities are compiled and released by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO). The latest data released by the CSO relates to 2003-04. For the year 2003-04, while the total value of agricultural produce at current prices is Rs. 470595 crores, the value of agricultural produce at 1993-94 prices is Rs. 251230 crores.

(c) The Agricultural production as a whole is sufficient to meet the needs of the country, as india as a net exporter of agricultural produce. The value of total agricultural imports in 2003-04 constituted only 59.34% of the total value of the agricultural exports. However, the production of some agricultural items like Pulses, Edible oils and Cotton are inadequate to meet the domestic demand. These items are therefore imported to bridge the domestic demand-supply gap.

(d) Since land area is fixed, the area under cultivation can be increased only by increasing the cropping intensity which is the ratio of gross cropped area to the net sown area in percentage terms. The gross cropped area can be increased by bringing additional areas under irrigation. Accordingly, irrigation has been identified by the Government as a thrust area for focused and propriety attention. The Union Budget for 2005-06 has accorded high priority to irrigation. The outlay on Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for 2005-06 has been raised to Rs. 4800 crore from Rs. 2800 crore

in 2004-05. Besides, an amount of Rs. 400 crore has been provided for micro-irrigation in 2005-06.

Statement

Statewise details of Agricultural production

(MHIion Tonnes)

States	Foodgrains	Oilseeds	Sugarcane	Cotton*	Jute & Mesta*
Andhra Pradesh	12.37	2.11	14.98	1.56	0.44
Assam	3.82	0.18	0.85		0.70
Bihar	10.88	0.12	4.19		1.11
Chhattisgarh	5.33	0.22	0.05		
Gujarat	5.55	3.23	12.55	5.44	
Haryana	13.65	1.09	7.73	2.08	
Himachal Pradesh	1.65	0.01	0.08		
Jammu & Kashmir	1.78	0.13	0.00		
Jharkhand	2.31	0.03	0.11		
Kamataka	9.82	1.41	18.20	0.44	
Kerala	0:78	0.00	0.35		
Madhya Pradesh	14.60	4.64	2.20	0.33	
Maharashtra	11.07	3.98	20.48	2.92	
Orissa	7.68	0.50	2.55	0.11	0.16
Punjab	25.91	0.17	5.40	2.09	
Rajasthan	12.41	4.80	0.15	0.69	
Tamil Nadu	8.98	0.95	22.95	0.41	
Uttar Pradesh	42.11	1.12	112.64	0.01	
Uttranchal	1.79	0.04	7.65		
West Bengal	15.68	0.33	1.17		7.49
Others	2.25	0.07	0.40	0.1	0.07
All India	210.44	25.15	234.67	16.07	9.96

* Million bales of 170 kgs. each

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